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LOW COST TECHNIQUE FOR SMALL LAND HOLDINGS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed any low cost technique for small pieces of agricultural land;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether fragmentation of land and Shrinking land holdings are making agriculture unviable; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and preventive steps taken therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed several location specific and cost effective techniques like water harvesting, micro irrigation, in situ water conservation, vermicomposting, biofertilizers, biopesticides and simple farm tools and implements for small land holdings. A publication on `System based low cost production technologies for small farmers` has also been released.

(c) Not applicable.

(d)&(e): The fragmentation of land and shrinking land holdings affect adversely the various farm operations in terms of cost, time and labour besides reducing yields. Government is promoting land consolidation and cooperative/ contract farming to make land holdings viable.